

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-504-T - ORDER NO. 2000-0230

MARCH 8, 2000

IN RE: Request of South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc.,) ORDER GRANTING
P. O. Box 171771, Spartanburg, SC 29301,) FUEL SURCHARGE
for a 3 Percent (3%) Emergency Fuel)
Surcharge.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau (the Bureau) for approval of an emergency fuel surcharge of 5 percent (5%) for members of the Bureau.

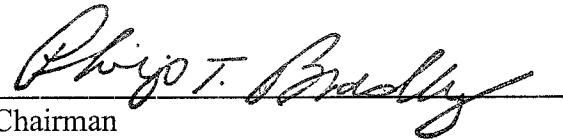
We would note that our Order No. 2000-031 approved a 3 percent (3%) emergency fuel surcharge, due to escalating prices for fuel used by the Tariff Bureau's member's trucks. This surcharge was approved for a period of sixty (60) days, which expired March 7, 2000. The Bureau informs us that the fuel surcharge in the interstate tariff increased from 3 percent (3%) to 5 percent (5%), effective February 16, 2000. The Bureau asks that we now approve the five percent (5%) fuel surcharge prospectively, in place of the three percent (3%) surcharge which has expired.

As was stated in Order No. 2000-031, our Regulation 103-193(2) gives us discretion in requiring notice of new rate filings in the transportation area. Again, we believe that escalating fuel prices necessitate immediate approval of this request without notice, since the delay caused by a notice period could result in great harm to the members of the Tariff Bureau.

Accordingly, we approve the five percent (5%) fuel surcharge, effective March 8, 2000. Because of the continuing escalation in fuel prices, we are not stating an expiration date for the surcharge at this time, but hold that this emergency fuel surcharge will remain in effect pending review by the Commission Staff.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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